

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

BENT, Roger

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Serial No.: PCT/ NZ99/00156

Examiner: Not yet assigned

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For: Method and Apparatus for Editing a Program

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the reference listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 is submitted for consideration by the Examiner in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The full consideration of the reference in its entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the reference be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of the reference.

The submission of the reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is for the purpose of providing a complete record and is not a concession that the reference listed thereon is prior art to the invention claimed in the patent application. The right is expressly reserved to establish an invention date earlier than the above-identified filing date in order to remove the reference submitted herewith as prior art should it be deemed appropriate to do so.

Further, the submission of the reference is not to be taken as a concession that the reference represents art that is relevant or analogous to the claimed invention. Accordingly, the right to argue that the reference is not properly within the scope of prior art relevant to an examination of the claims in the above-identified application is also expressly reserved.

The Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

- ☒ (a) within three months of the filing date of the patent application, (b) within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 of the international application, or (c) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

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☐ after (a), (b), or (c) above, but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, and includes:

☐ the Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) (see "Certification" below).

☐ the fee of \$240 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) (see "Fees" below).

☐ after the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, and includes the Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) (see "Certification" below), a Petition requesting consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement (see "Petition" below), and the Petition Fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) (see "Fees" below).

### Copies of the References

The documents in this Information Disclosure Statement are not enclosed because they have been sent to the US Receiving Office by the International Searching Authority. If needed, the undersigned will provide the Examiner with copies of the documents.

### Other Applications

☐ The Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. patent application(s):

U.S. APPLICATIONS		Status ( <i>check one</i> )		
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### Certification

☐ The **undersigned attorney** hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

☐ The **undersigned attorney** hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application or, to the knowledge of the attorney signing after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual

designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

**Petition**

- ☐ The undersigned attorney hereby petitions the Commissioner to consider this Information Disclosure Statement and the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

**Fees**

- ☒ No fee is owed by the applicant(s).  
☐ The **IDS Fee of \$240.00** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed herewith.  
☐ The **Petition Fee of \$130.00** set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed herewith.

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- ☐ Attached is a check in the amount of \$ .  
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**Instructions As To Overpayment**

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Examiner:	Date Considered:
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